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of construction of Type I oceangoing ships at Wismar, dated 13 November 1952, states:

1. The first Type I oceangoing ship is on the ways in 14 sections. The ribs, bulkheads and outer hull are in place from the engine room bulkhead to the forepeak bulkhead. The bow and stern sections are finished as to the preliminary work, and will be ready for the ways in the next weeks. Deck beams are on hand and have had preliminary work. Plates for the main deck are lacking, but the yard expects them to be delivered in the near future.
2. The second ship of Type I has been removed from the ways where it was first laid and will be laid anew on Ways No. 2 as soon as this ways is ready. The shortages of material for building the second ship are still great, although some of the hull sections and bulkheads are finished.
3. The yard hopes to have both Type I ships ready for delivery within the next year.

See Section 1 of report on Type I ships, 1 page.

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